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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$260 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING.
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INTEREST ALLOWED,
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent, per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent, " "
" 12 " 5 per cent, " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED,
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

Notice of Film.

NOTICE.

M. R. GROVE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.
CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

Intimations.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Undersigned are requested to send them before the 10th Proximo.

H. G. THOMSETT,
Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 324

J. D. KILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND
FLAGS.
No. 23, Praya Central,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 3135

Intimations.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Agents, with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February until 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 262

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February until the 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 263

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

NOTICE.

GENTLEMEN interested in ATHLETIC SPORTS are requested to attend a MEETING to be held in the GYMNASIUM of the Victoria Recreation Club on SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1888, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of receiving Accounts, electing Officers and arranging the Programme of this Year's Sports.

For the Committee,

H. F. HAYLLAR.

Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 380

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on TUESDAY, 13th March, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 372

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOOK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist, FORMERLY ARTICLED APPRENTICE AND LATTELLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.

AT the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by DR. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to Missionaries and Families.

Soil Address

2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1887. 68

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

N. OTTORI is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON and COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOGLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

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ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, Christofle & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

D. I. A. M. O. N. D. S.

AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, a very moderate price.

GAILOR'S HOME.

NY Case of Clothing, Books, &c.

PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1887.

J. D. KILEY,

SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central.

HONGKONG.

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

MUSIC.

For Violin.

CRAMER'S STUDIES.

Chopin's STUDIES, POLONAIRES and BALADES.

Mendelssohn's COMPOSITIONS and LIEDER OHNE WORT.

Beethoven's QUATUOS for 2 Violins, OBOE & CELLO, arranged for Piano.

Beethoven's SOZAKAS.

Bach's PRELUDES and FUGUES for Piano.

Field's NOCTURNES.

Jenssen's WANDERLIEDER.

Heller's COMPOSITIONS.

New SONGS, by Tosti, Moloy, Dibell, Moir, Isidor de La, Wellings, etc., etc.

New VALES, LANCES, QUADRILLE and POLKAS.

LATEST LONDON SUCCESS—OLD TIMES COACH GALOP (vocal obligato), by Crowe, author of See Saw, etc.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 7, 1888. 384

NEW GOODS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FINE SILK HATS.

DRAB FEATHER HATS, BLACK, BROWN, DRAB and GREY HABOT FEATHER HATS, TERRACE and other SOFT FEATHER HATS.

DRAB HABOT CAPS in new shapes.

STRAW and PITH HATS.

SILK UMBRELLAS, from \$5 over to \$10 to choose from.

WALKING STICKS, a very large assortment.

WATERPROOF COATS, LEGGINGS and CHAIN APRONS.

UNSTRUNG FLANNEL SHIRT.

TRAVELLING RUGS & SCOTCH MANTS.

OVER COATINGS, light and heavy.

OVER COATINGS, Ulster Tweeds.

FINE BLACK DIAGONAL and CORSEKREW for DRESS SUITS.

Mails.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP PORT PHILLIP
FROM LONDON.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON
ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
CLYDE, Captain E. M. EDMOND, with
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched
from this port, on THURSDAY, the 23rd
instant, to receive the Report of Directors,
together with the Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd
instant, both days inclusive.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seven-
teenth Ordinary MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the Head Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 23rd
Instant, to receive the Report of Directors,
together with the Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd
instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

SAM'L J. GOWER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 9, 1888. 401

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 8, 1888.—

Atkins, German steamer, 400, T. Samuel-
son, Pakhoi and Hollow March 7. General—
Wielan & Co.

March 9.—

Bischoff, German steamer, 1,499, Al-
Togmuss, Bombay February 18, and
Singapore March 2. General—Cantowicz
& Co.

March 9.—

Decina, German steamer, 965, P. Oest-
mann, Saigon March 4. Rice and Paddy—
Stiemann & Co.

March 9.—

Glucksburg, German str., 917, Ad. Schulz,
Saigon March 4. Rice and General—
Meichner & Co.

March 9.—

Triton, German str., 1,142, A. Bleickon,
Saigon March 4. Rice—EDWARD SCHELL-
HASE & Co.

March 9.—

Kong Kong, British steamer, 862, F. W.
Phillips, Bangkok March 2. Rice and General—
YUEN FAT HONG.

March 9.—

Fookang, British steamer, from Whampoa.
Sarpedon, British steamer, 1,592, Chirime,
Amoy March 8. General—BUTTERFIELD &
SWINE.

March 9.—

DEPARTURES.

March 9.—

Folkies, for Swatow.
Frei, for Haiphong.
Taiwan, for Singapore and Sydney.
Suptima, for Saigon.
Taiwan, for Whampoa.
Thyra, for Chefoo.

March 9.—

CLEARED.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Doravonge, for Swatow.

Sarthe, for Saigon.

Port Phillip, for Yokohama.

Fookang, for Swatow and Shanghai.

Tekarok, for Nagasaki.

Chi Yuen, for Swatow.

Xe-i, for Manila.

March 9.—

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED

Per Atkins, from Pakhoi, &c., Mr Mc-
Gaudens, and 143 Chinese.

Per Bischoff, from Singapore, 160 Chinese.

Per Glucksburg, from Saigon, Chinese Com-
pany.

Per Triton, from Saigon, 32 Chinese.

Per Kon Bang, from Bangkok, 17 Chinese.

Per Sarpedon, from Amoy, Mrs Mc-
Intyre and 2 children, and 827 Chinese.

DEPARTED

Per Folkes, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Frei, for Haiphong, 50 Chinese.

Per Suptima, for Saigon, 70 Chinese.

Per Taiyan, for Singapore, 2 Europeans,

and 63 Chinese.

Per Formosa, for Tamsui, Mr W. D.
Spence.

Per Thyra, for Chefoo, 12 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 7 Chinese.

Per Doravonge, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Port Phillip, for Yokohama, 1 European.

Per Fookang, for Swatow, 1 European,

and 15 Chinese.

Per Chi-yuen, for Swatow, 500 Chinese.

Per Xenia, for Manila, 2 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Italian steamer *Bischoff* reports:

Left Singapore on the 2nd instant, had fine
weather throughout.

The German steamer *Lecina* reports:

Left Saigon on the 4th instant, had moder-
ate breeze.

The British steamer *Kong Beng* reports:

Had moderate to fresh N.E. winds and high
sea from port to port.

The British steamer *Sarpedon* reports:

Left Amoy on the 8th instant, had fine
weather throughout the passage.

GEO. NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1888. 368

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undesignated AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1840

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undesignated AGENTS of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 34

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship:

Amoy,

Captain R. Koenen, will
be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 10th Inst.,
at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, March 9, 1888. 393

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND
BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamer

Mongkol,

Captain Gao ANDREWSON,

will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 11th Inst.,
at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG,

Agents:

Hongkong, March 9, 1888. 400

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALEX. ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.
Phillips.—Wieland & Co.

Axon, British barque, Capt. Johnstone.
Tung Sang Woo.

B. P. CHENEY, American ship, Captain
Hughes.—Douglas, Laprade & Co.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain L.
Beane.—Russell & Co.

HARRY E. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt.
J. McCormack.—Gibb, Macmillan & Co.

MARVEL, Spanish barque, Capt. J. J. Val-
lejo.—Reed & Co.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

9 a.m.—*Doravonge* leaves for Shew, &c.

Noon.—*Amoy* leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—*Pechili* leaves for Tientsin, &c.

4 p.m.—*Fuksay* leaves for S'hai, &c.

4 p.m.—*Eliecia* leaves for Yokohama.

4 p.m.—*Haiphong* leaves for Straits.

4 p.m.—*Polychromic* leaves for Havre, &c.

Sarpedon leaves for London.

The report of the Chamber of Commerce
will be found on the 4th page.

The Chinese Commissioner, General Wang,
arrived to-day by the Glucksburg from Sal-
gon.

SEVEN boatmen were brought before Mr
Wise in the Police Court to-day for not
exhibiting lights on their boats at night.
They were each fined 55.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Auction of Italian Works of Art
in Marble, Alabaster, &c., at Mr G. R.
Lammett's.

Meetings.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the
General Agents' office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at
the General Agents' office.

6 p.m.—Meeting concerning the Hong-
kong Amateur Athletic Sports.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of the Chinese Insurance
Company, Ltd., closed from this date
to 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, March 11.—

Goods for *Huntingdon* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 13.—

8 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.,
Ltd., at the Office of the Company.

Goods for *Electra* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 14.—

Goods for *Port Phillip* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, March 23.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Chinese Insurance Company, Limited,
at the Head Office.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Chin and Manila Steamship Co.,
Ltd., at the General Managers' office.</

obtained the largest number of votes, and they were declared elected.

Mr Dalrymple proposed that the Hon. P. Ryrie be elected Chairman, and the Hon. J. Bell Irving, Vice Chairman.

Mr Boilios seconded and the motion was carried.

This concluded the business of the general meeting.

MEETING ON THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BILL.

A special meeting of the Chamber was then held to consider the proposed Imports and Exports Ordinance. Most of the members who attended the general meeting remained.

Hon. Mr Ryrie—Gentlemen, I hope all of you have read this bill and also the schedule attached to it. I may mention in the first place that it was introduced to move in this matter by representatives having been made to me by a number of gentlemen doing business in this Colony. They had grave objection to this bill, and I must say I have the same myself. I have objected to it from the first and on that point I may refer you to the remarks I made at this time last year at the general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. I have always considered the bill impracticable, or, if practicable, it would involve a very considerable expense and a very considerable amount of trouble to importers and exporters, perhaps more especially to importers, because as a rule there is very little difficulty in obtaining returns of export cargoes, I mean to Americans or European ports; these in fact can be gathered by this Chamber. But to importers of goods of a complicated nature, or of very small packages—which, I fear, sometimes contain three or four different descriptions of goods—I think would entail an infinity of trouble. I also think that the restrictions which would impose on agents of steamers in this Colony are entirely unwarantable. In fact I can't see what the good of such a bill in this Colony would be at all.

Of course it is stated that one great object of the bill is to place this Colony before the world and show what a large business is done here. Well, gentlemen, I think the world generally, and the monetary centers at all events, where loans might be raised, know pretty well the position of the Colony and that it does a very considerable amount of trade. (Applause.) As to the quantity of trade here we have it from a late Governor that it is the fourth port in the world.

However, I daresay there are gentlemen here who can speak to the actual details of this bill much better than I can do, and I shall be glad to hear the views of some of all of them. (Applause.)

Hon. A. F. MacEwen—Mr Ryrie and gentlemen, as I have had a good deal to do with this bill and have been intimately concerned in it, I think perhaps it would be desirable that I, holding the position I do as representative of the Chamber of Commerce in the Legislative Council, should take the opportunity of explaining my views and reasons at this meeting. And I hope that whatever the result of this discussion may be—whether it leads to the bill being approved of by a majority or not—at any rate that it may be productive of some good. I can say fully as regards the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and myself, that we have not interested ourselves in this matter with the view of hurting in any way the commercial interests of any individual firm or person in this Colony or trading in any way on their toes. I may say, shortly, that when I was elected as member of the Legislative Council for this Chamber it was represented to me by one of the most influential shipping firms in the East, or even, I may say, in the world, that it would be a very desirable thing that some official record of the actual trade of the port should be kept. I was urged to endeavour to get the Chamber of Commerce to move in the matter. Speaking for myself I may say similar requests have been made to me—and I am sure I may say the same with regard to others connected with the trade of the port—by agents in various commercial centres by whom astonishment has been expressed that in one of the leading British Colonies there should be such a total absence of such records. A Sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce was formed to deal with the matter, of which I may mention that I was not myself a member and after some time elapsed it was deemed by them desirable that this measure should be carried out. The Government was approached on the subject, and for the benefit of those gentlemen present who are not members of this Chamber, I shall read the correspondence which took place:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 1st June, 1887.

Sir,—I am requested by the Chamber to bring to the notice of Government the great necessity that exists for providing some form of legislation to ensure, in the absence of a Customs House, the Registration of the Imports and Exports of the Colony, and the Committee feel that the importance of the measure to those interested in the trade of Hongkong will be accepted as sufficient cause for suggesting this subject for the consideration of Government.

The Committee desire me to say that, an Ordinance dealing with the entry and clearance of goods is now in force in the neighbouring free Port of Singapore, the chief points of which are that, the Governor in Council has power to make, vary, and revoke all regulations for the Registration of all goods landed, shipped or transhipped in that Colony; it provides that the Regulations (under the Ordinance) shall be published in the Government Gazette, and it imposes a penalty for each breach of the Regulation.

Under the Regulations, written declarations according to prescribed forms, are required to be made within a fixed period to the Registrar of Imports and Exports giving details of all inward and outward cargoes, and the onus of making these returns is thrown upon the Importer and Exporter.

In the opinion of the Committee a similar scheme would be practicable here and it is evidently one to be initiated by the Government. I am desired to respectfully request that the Draft of a Bill and the Rules under it may be prepared and submitted to the Chamber, in order to afford the Members an opportunity of offering suggestions on points of detail. I have done so.

A. P. MACEVEN, Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. F. Stewart, I.L.D., Acting Colonial Secretary.

Minute by the Acting Attorney-General.

It would be easy to draft an Ordinance on the lines of the Singapore Legislation before doing so, I would submit some difficulties which occur to me.

Incorrect statistics would be worse than no statistics at all, and therefore if an Ordinance is passed it should be made as circumscribed as possible.

The Ordinance would enact:—

1. That certain returns or statements should be furnished by the importers.

2. Penalty for not furnishing returns.

3. Penalty for furnishing false returns, and helping the defrauder.

How far the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to ascertain whether the returns are correct or not.

Should he have power to require the clerks for the extra work involved, as

person furnishing the return to swear to the truth of it or should he have power to inspect, or to require the production by the importer of such invoices or documents as he should deem necessary?

An Ordinance enacting merely a penalty for not furnishing returns, or for furnishing false returns, would practically be useless without some power of control or inspection. Would the Mercantile community approve of this? Could not the Chamber of Commerce try what could be done on the voluntary system?

If the system is to be compulsory, it should be made efficacious.

Is there any use requiring returns to be furnished if we have no means of checking them and if false returns may be sent in with impunity?

E. J. ACKROYD.

30th June, 1887.

Well, gentlemen, this received the very serious attention of the Committee of the Chamber, and the following reply was as follows:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 16th July, 1887.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1023, of the 2nd instant, with its enclosure, and in reply, for the information of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, that in the opinion of the Committee there is no sufficient obstacle in the minute of the Attorney-General, to provide a sufficient basis for the enactment of a bill to regulate the importation and exportation of goods.

If the Committee are right in their opinion, the Chinese had come here simply on the account the Hill brought about interference with the freedom of the port. Hongkong was different from any other port. We did not import goods for our own use, and could not require to get statistics to know the results of the people

importing and exporting, because we had

designed its monopoly entirely to commerce.

We were proceeding day by day under the regime of opium houses being run up East and West, and why should we go and change our policy and begin to hamper our trade for the compilation of statistics.

Statistics had not been taken.

Mr Ho Angel said that the Chinese

were a bad influence on the port.

Mr George said that in the opinion of

the Chinese of Great Britain are dependent

on the bona fides of those who make

declarations for the entry and delivery

of goods; they have power to inflict heavy

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THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REPORT.

The following is the Report of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, for the year ending 31st December, 1887, which was presented to the members at the annual meeting held to-day:

The Committee beg to submit to the Members of the Chamber, the following Report of their proceedings during the period under notice:

Opium Bill (Hongkong) 1887.—In pursuance with the provisions of the Additional Article to the Chefoo Agreement, a Special Committee met in Hongkong, on January 1, 1888, for the purpose of arriving at a basis of Agreement for regulating the trade of the Colony in Raw Opium, and the Agreement was signed by the Commissioners on the 11th September of that year.

The action of the Chamber was directed, in January last, to the fact that the Additional Clause under the Chefoo Agreement would come into force on the 1st February; and your Committee were requested to obtain reliable information (1) with regard to the duty on Opium imported into China previous to and after that date, and (2) whether Opium imported before the 1st December, could be re-exported, after that date, from one port in China to another, without paying additional duty. A telegram was forwarded to H. B. M.'s Minister at Peking, through His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, to the above effect, and a reply was promptly received stating that all Opium exported after the 1st February must pay the Convention Lukin of 80 Taels per 100 Catties over and above the 30 Taels duty already paid.—Tele. No. 110, otherwise it would be subject to a penalty of Taels 300, without privilege of Convention. Early in February, the Local Government forwarded to the Chamber communications from H. B. M.'s Consul at Canton, announcing the intention of the Chinese Authorities to simultaneously collect, on and after 1st February, the Lekin (provincial dues) and the export duty on Opium, to be levied as arranged at the Stations outside of Hongkong.

The Memorandum of Agreement arrived at by the Commission for the regulation of the trade of the Colony in Raw Opium was approved of by the Imperial Government, who sanctioned the introduction of a Draft Ordinance based upon its terms. On the publication of this Draft Ordinance it was found that Sections III and IV prohibited the export and import of Raw Opium in quantities less than one chest, a measure which not only inflicted a blow upon the principal business of the wholesale merchants of the Colony, but at the same time struck at the root of the retail trade which absorbs a large portion of the drug demand in Hongkong. Subsequent to the first reading of the Bill in Council, on the 18th March, petitions were presented on behalf of the Importers and wholesale Merchants and of the Chinese Opium Merchants and traders, remonstrating against the restrictions sought to be imposed by the Bill as at first published, and which, if retained, would seriously interfere with trade, as the established custom of examining, testing, and racking Malwa, Persian and Turkish drug would not be allowed.

The matter received the immediate consideration of your Committee, who forwarded a resolution to His Excellency the Governor, expressing the opinion that no Bill which limited the trade in Opium to what chests would prove satisfactory, and urging the postponement of the second reading for one calendar month, to afford the public time to understand and discuss the whole question preparatory to publishing a new Bill free from the objectionable terms of the first draft. The grounds taken up by your Committee in opposing hasty legislation in this matter had been endorsed by all those interested in the question. Proposals were subsequently forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, by the Chamber, on behalf of the Opium Merchants, suggesting certain modifications. In the amended Draft of the Bill which came up for a second reading on the 23rd May the prohibition of dealing in quantities less than One Chest, intended for Export, was removed, special licences being provided by the Ordinance for such transactions, and power of examination was transferred from the Opium Farmer to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports. The Ordinance was passed into law, with amendments, on the 27th May. (Appendix A.)

Status and Privileges of Men-of-War granted to Subsidized Foreign Mail Steamers at British Colonial Ports.—An important subject was taken up by the Committee early in the year. After being fully discussed by the Legislative Council, it was decided to seek the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce of the principal British Colonies and Dependencies throughout the world. This course has necessitated considerable delay, and it is only recently that a sufficient number of replies have been received to warrant the Chamber taking action. The opinions received are practically unanimous in condemning the system of granting Man-of-War Status to Foreign Mail Steamers. The Committee have placed the documents with their Counsel to draw a petition for simultaneous presentation to Her Britannic Majesty's Government, which will receive the unanimous support of those Chambers that have given their adhesion to the opinion expressed by the Committee. (Appendix B.)

Returning of Undeclared Correspondence.—The regulations of the Post Office bearing on this question received the attention of your Committee, and the hardship was at once recognized by the Local Government, and the Chamber's representations. (Appendix C.)

Communication with H. B. M.'s Minister at Peking.—It will be in the recollection of the members of the Chamber that, at the last Annual General Meeting, attention was called to the request of Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Peking, that when the Chamber had occasion to address H. B. M.'s Representative in Peking, communications should be forwarded through the Local Government, no reason was assigned for discontinuing the long-established practice of holding direct communication. Your Committee therefore addressed a remonstrance to the Home Government, and the reply, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will no doubt be read with satisfaction, for it clearly terminates a grievance which the Chamber has laboured under for some time. (Appendix C.)

Movements of the American Mail Steamers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Companies.—In May last, the Government addressed a letter to the Chamber forwarding copy of a communication conveying a request from the Postmaster-General that the Chamber would represent to the Agent of the Pacific Mail and Occidental and Oriental Steamship Companies the inconvenience arising from the late batch of the steamers of these Companies on the day fixed for the departure of the subsidized European Mail, and to ask whether new arrangements could be made to avoid these coincidences. The correspondence was duly discussed, and after considering the points raised by the Post

Master-General, your Committee expressed regret at not being able to find suitable grounds for presenting the request of the Post Office Department, especially as it appeared to them that the real cause of grievances arose from the absence of necessary facilities on the part of the Post Office to meet the exigencies of the public service. (Appendix D.)

Regulations for the Licensing, Management and Control of Boats and Buoys.—The draft regulations, under the name of the Licensing, Management and Control of Boats and Buoys, was received from Government, who recommended an amendment of the same by the Chamber on its provisions.

In their report to the reference made to them, your Committee recommended certain additions and modifications in the details of working as regards Cargo Boats and Cargo Buoys, which in their opinion seemed desirable. (Appendix E.)

Offer of the Japanese Government to coin Silver Yen.—The Local Government desired an expression of the views of the Chamber respecting an offer of the Japanese Government to coin Silver Yen for this Colony. Your Committee, after a full discussion of the question, objected to the adoption of the scheme to recognize the Yen as the legal currency of the Colony, because that coin is not current in the Canton Province which absorbs large remittances from this, and very great inconvenience would result from the recognition of the Yen as a legal coin as it would not be available for circulation in that district. (Appendix F.)

Duration of voyages of Steamers carrying Passengers between Hongkong and the Australian Colonies.—The Schedule for the duration of passages between Hongkong and the Australian Colonies fixed by the Colonial Government, which was first quoted by the Chamber in 1883, when the Committee obtained some small concessions, was again mooted by the Chamber in June last. On this occasion the Committee attempted to introduce a new voyage for use in the British Colonies in the East have been so great, and the opinions of parties consulted so divergent, the Singapore Chamber announces its intention to abandon all further attempts to obtain legislation on the subject. (Appendix G.)

Proposed Light of the Gap Rock.—The Chairman, in his remarks on this subject which appeared in the Report for last year, expressed the confident belief that, consequent on the representations offered by the Chamber, the difficulties which had hitherto stood in the way of the undertaking would be removed and that the requisite authority to commence work would be shortly sanctioned.

These expectations, so far, have not been realized, but your Committee trust that no further delay will take place.

Partial Blockade of the Western Entrance to the Harbour.—The object of the construction of a Breakwater on Kowloon's Bank, as a protective measure in case of War, so as to partially block the Western entrance of the Harbour by the Local Government, who, in view of the present position of the question, deem it desirable that all correspondence connected with this matter should be referred to the Admiralty.

Conular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States.—Counsel to the Agents of the Company addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 14th March.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 318

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To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Harbour is divided into eleven sections, numbered 1 to 11.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Excerpts of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore, and those in the bay of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
- From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
- From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
- From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

- From Naval Yard to Blue Building.
- From Blue Building to East Point.
- From East Point to Kowloon Wharves.
- Kowloon Wharves.
- Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Date	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Amy.	3	Kohler.	Brit. sht.	815	Mar.	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Alwine.	3	Sanchez.	Gov. sht.	400	Mar.	Wieder & Co.		
Bisagno.	3	Tognasso.	Ital. sht.	1400	Mar.	Carlotti & Co.		
Cheang Fock Kim.	3	Webb.	Brit. sht.	955	Feb.	Bun Hin Chan		
Chi Yuen.	3	Lunt.	Ohl. sht.	1121	Mar.	Co. M. S. N. Co.		
Clara.	3	Christensen.	Got. sht.	674	Mar.	Siemens & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Dame.	3	Adamson.	Can. sht.	965	Mar.	Siemens & Co.		
Devawongse.	3	Loff.	Brit. sht.	1087	Mar.	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow & Bangkok	To-morrow
Electra.	3	Madsen.	Can. sht.	1185	Mar.	Siemens & Co.	Yokohama & Kobe	To-morrow
Galeo.	3	Pearse.	Brit. sht.	4205	Mar.	I.O. & S. S. Co.	San Francisco	14th inst.
Glucksburg.	4	Schultz.	Ger. sht.	1093	Mar.	Melchers & Co.		
Haiphong.	5	Harris.	Brit. sht.	1122	Mar.	David Steamer Co. Scs & Co.	Singapore	To-morrow
Huntingdon.	5	Brunton.	Brit. sht.	1464	Mar.	0 Mitau Busan Kaihatsu	Keelung Dock	
Jacob Christensen.	5	Bjerk.	Nor. sht.	1109	Mar.	0 Mitau Busan Kaihatsu		
Khiva.	2	Crew.	Brit. sht.	1452	Mar.	0 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Singapore	
Mongku.	3	Anderson.	Brit. sht.	850	Mar.	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow & Bangkok	
Ningo.	3	Schulz.	Brit. sht.	761	Mar.	Siemens & Co.	Kuchingtu	
Norden.	3	Nielson.	Nor. sht.	1367	Mar.	2 Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Parthia.	3	Arnold.	Brit. sht.	2035	Mar.	Ed. Schellhas & Co.		
Pemptes.	5	Johannsen.	Brit. sht.	1541	Feb.	27 H. K. & W. Dock Co.		
Pilot Fish.	5	Stopani.	Brit. sht.	161	Sept.	0 David Steamer Co. Scs & Co.		
Polynymia.	5	Schoefer.	Ger. sht.	1033	Mar.	Siemens & Co.	Hamburg	To-morrow
Port Phillip.	5	Dulling.	Brit. sht.	3071	Mar.	7 Adamson, Bell & Co.	Yokohama & Hioo	To-morrow
Protos.	3	Sorensen.	Can. sht.	1150	Mar.	7 Edward Schellhas & Co.	Saigon	11th inst.
Sarthe.	3	Portant.	Fah. sht.	470	Mar.	0 A. B. Mart.		
Taisang.	5	Wood.	Brit. sht.	195	Feb.	21 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Calcutta, Etc.	Klon Dock
Taiwan.	5	Clegg.	Brit. sht.	1109	Mar.	4 Butterfield & Swire		
Totaros.	8	Peterson.	Can. sht.	1587	Mar.	6 Takashima Colliery	Nagasaki	To-morrow
Thrys.	5	Jacobsen.	Can. sht.	664	Mar.	8 Siemers & Co.	Newchwang	
Tritos.	3	Bleickens.	Can. sht.	1142	Mar.	0 Ed. Schellhas & Co.	Bangkok	12th inst.
Sailing Vessels								
Allie-Rose.	3	Phillips.	Haw. bg.	June	9 Wieler & Co.		
Aron.	3	Christensen.	Brit. bog.	634	Jan.	3 Chinese	Laid up	
B. P. Cheney.	9	Hughes.	Amer. sh.	1229	Jan.	25 Russell & Co.		
Centennial.	9	Bearce.	Amer. sh.	852	Dec.	27 Melchers & Co.		
Colombia.	3	Noyes.	Amer. bge.	820	Jan.	29 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Emo.	3	Summers.	Brit. bge.	778	Jan.	23 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
F. P. Leitchfield.	3	Young.	Amer. bge.	1042	Feb.	17 Russell & Co.		
Hattie E. Tapley.	3	Rowell.	Amer. bge.	907	Feb.	23 Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Mabel Taylor.	5	Durkil.	Brit. bge.	1295	Jan.	28 Carlotti & Co.		
Manuel.	3	Estival.	Span. bge.	902	Jan.	3 Remedios & Co.		
Rialto.	4	Fayne.	Brit. bge.	1182	Jan.	3 Pustau & Co.		
Saint Ildefons.	3	Mengjuren.	Span. bge.	445	Jan.	12 Chinese		
Santa.	5	Teismann.	Ger. bge.	1037	Jan.	26 Melchers & Co.		
Siam.	1	Lange.	Span. sht.	294	Jan.	20 Chinese		
Theodor Roger.	5	Meyer.	Ger. sht.	1176	Dec.	31 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Titan.	9	Allyn.	Amer. sht.	1270	Jan.	28 Russell & Co.		
Walter Siegfried.	3	Lawrence.	Brit. bge.	394	Dec.	17 Chinese		